

May 19, 2011

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 542 – *Housing Authorities – Consolidation or Merger – Talbot County and St. Michaels*.

This bill authorizes the Housing Commission of Talbot County and the St. Michaels Housing Authority to unite by consolidation or merger to form one authority and requires the unification of the Housing Commission of Talbot County and the St. Michaels Housing Authority to be initiated by the passage of a proposal of unification by the legislative body of the Town of Easton and the legislative body of the Town of St. Michaels. This bill requires the appointment of a specified commission to draft proposed articles of organization for a proposed authority.

House Bill 228, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 542.

Sincerely,

Governor